



# HADLEY

## Hampshire County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Hadley is a growing residential community with a strong agricultural base. This scenic community is bordered on the west by the Connecticut River and on the south by the Mount Holyoke Range. One of the oldest settlements in the Commonwealth, Hadley was founded by English colonists in 1659 and grew into an active farming and trading center which today has the most acreage of farmland of any Pioneer Valley town.

Hadley has two village centers; North Hadley, a picturesque New England settlement, and Hadley Center, with its notable historic homes. The Porter Phelps-Huntington House Museum, built in 1752, hosts folk music concerts and storytelling. Hadley became the birthplace of broom-making in 1797 and an important cultivator of broom corn thereafter. The Hadley Farm Museum houses a large collection of early New England farm machinery which illustrates the area's early way of life.

The town center, with its old stately colonial homes clustered around the large village green is a contrast to the economically vital commercial strip along Route 9. The Joseph Skinner State Park, on the Mount Holyoke Range, boasts a spectacular view from its 930 feet summit and from Summit House, which was originally built in 1851.

(Narrative supplied by community)



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# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

West central Massachusetts, bordered by Sunderland on the north, Amherst on the east, South Hadley and Holyoke on the south, and Northampton and Hatfield on the west. Hadley is about 22 miles north of Springfield, 90 miles west of Boston, and 159 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 24.73 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 23.31 sq. miles

**Population:** 4,231

**Density:** 182 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Amherst Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....42.5"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Mt. Holyoke, Mt. Toby

## Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 584-1590

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1661

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	2,942		
Democrats	1,092	37.1	%
Republicans	297	10.1	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,553	52.8	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Hadley town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	4,793	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	4,793	100.0
Male.....	2,250	46.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	80	1.7
Female.....	2,543	53.1	Mexican.....	3	0.1
Under 5 years.....	222	4.6	Puerto Rican.....	41	0.9
5 to 9 years.....	258	5.4	Cuban.....	2	-
10 to 14 years.....	284	5.9	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	34	0.7
15 to 19 years.....	287	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	4,713	98.3
20 to 24 years.....	246	5.1	White alone.....	4,540	94.7
25 to 34 years.....	523	10.9	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	806	16.8	Total population.....	4,793	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	779	16.3	In households.....	4,643	96.9
55 to 59 years.....	271	5.7	Householder.....	1,895	39.5
60 to 64 years.....	182	3.8	Spouse.....	1,006	21.0
65 to 74 years.....	386	8.1	Child.....	1,207	25.2
75 to 84 years.....	391	8.2	Own child under 18 years.....	913	19.0
85 years and over.....	160	3.3	Other relatives.....	163	3.4
Median age (years).....	42.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	32	0.7
18 years and over.....	3,834	80.0	Nonrelatives.....	372	7.8
Male.....	1,788	37.3	Unmarried partner.....	106	2.2
Female.....	2,046	42.7	In group quarters.....	150	3.1
21 years and over.....	3,694	77.1	Institutionalized population.....	140	2.9
62 years and over.....	1,034	21.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	10	0.2
65 years and over.....	937	19.5	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	373	7.8	Total households.....	1,895	100.0
Female.....	564	11.8	Family households (families).....	1,249	65.9
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	506	26.6
One race.....	4,739	98.9	Married-couple family.....	1,006	53.1
White.....	4,597	95.9	With own children under 18 years.....	403	21.3
Black or African American.....	36	0.8	Female householder, no husband present.....	185	9.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	3	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	85	4.5
Asian.....	75	1.6	Nonfamily households.....	646	34.1
Asian Indian.....	6	0.1	Householder living alone.....	468	24.7
Chinese.....	34	0.7	Householder 65 years and over.....	231	12.2
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	529	27.9
Japanese.....	8	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	583	30.8
Korean.....	3	0.1	Average household size.....	2.45	(X)
Vietnamese.....	4	0.1	Average family size.....	2.90	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	20	0.4	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	1,953	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,895	97.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	58	3.0
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	10	0.5
Some other race.....	28	0.6	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	54	1.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.0	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	1,895	100.0
White.....	4,648	97.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,415	74.7
Black or African American.....	51	1.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	480	25.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.57	(X)
Asian.....	81	1.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.09	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	57	1.2			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	52
Conventional Federal:	0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

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Hadley is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic position along the Connecticut River and its excellent transportation facilities. The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and to Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 9, 47, and 116. Interstate Route 91 is easily accessible in the neighboring city of Northampton.

### Rail

Amtrak's passenger rail service between Montreal and Washington, D.C. is accessible from neighboring Amherst. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

### Bus

Hadley is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), which offers fixed route service between Northampton, Hadley, Amherst, and Williamsburg. The PVTA also offers paratransit services to the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging. Hadley participates in the PVTA Under-60 Program, which provides work trip transportation for the disabled.

### Other

The LaFleur Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in nearby Northampton, has a 3,506'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Hadley Farm Museum

147 Russell Street

(413) 584-1139

Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation

130 River Drive

(413) 584-4699

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Pattie J. Groves Health Center

### Long Term Care

Meadowood Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

Shady Lawn Rest Home, Inc.

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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